

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/April 15-25, 2004

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Tokio to the Lincoln County Line (MP 231-239)-Work is underway in NE Adams County. On Saturday (4/17), pavement grinding on eastbound I-90. Additional grinding in some eastbound and westbound areas will also be underway early in the week. Paving operations should start later in the week. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit is reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. Motorcyclists need to use extreme caution when driving on grooved pavement. Some earthwork items also continue.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Adams County Line to Spokane County Line (MP 239-255)- Work is underway in SE Lincoln County. The project limits from the vicinity of the Sprague Lake Rest Area to the Fishtrap interchange. On the schedule is electrical, earthwork, and drainage items. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. In addition, on some days, rock blasting will be underway in some locations between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Traffic on I-90 will be stopped for approximately 10-15 minutes when blasting operations are underway.

<u>HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Variable Message Sign (MP 284)</u>-Installation of an electronic variable message sign in the vicinity of Havana Street will require <u>two short freeway closures</u>.

- Tonight, April 15 at about 11:00 p.m., <u>eastbound</u> and westbound I-90 between Thor/Freya Sts. and Sprague Ave. will be <u>closed</u> for about <u>one hour</u> while crews install the support structure across the full width of the freeway. Traffic will be detoured via Third Ave. (eastbound) and Sprague Ave. (westbound).
- On Monday, April 19, at about 11:30 p.m., <u>eastbound</u> I-90 between Thor/Freya Sts. and Sprague Ave. will be <u>closed</u> for about <u>one hour</u> while crews install the electronic sign above the eastbound freeway lanes. Traffic will be detoured via Third Ave.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)-

- On Saturday (4/17) from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., <u>eastbound</u> I-90 will be reduced to one lane for stripe work. Motorists should expect slow traffic, congestion, and delays
- Also on Saturday (4/17), from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., <u>westbound</u> I-90 will have single lane closures at several. Motorists should expect slow traffic, congestion, and delays.
- Travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders will are 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be extremely alert within this work zone. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

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SR 21/Clark Street in Republic (MP 303)-City street work underway in this Ferry County community. This is a City of Republic project. Contact (509) 775-2929.

SR 27/Grand Avenue in Pullman (MP 0-1)-Sewer work is underway between Harms Rd. and Fairmont Rd. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers during daytime hours. This is a City of Pullman project.

<u>SR 127/Central Ferry to Church Hill Rd. (MP 10-18)</u>-Later in the week pavement grinding will be underway. SR 127 will be reduced to a single-lane with flaggers and pilot cars directing traffic. Motorists should expect 5-10 minute delays. Also guardrail and earthwork is ongoing at some locations, especially in the vicinity of the Central Ferry port terminal.

US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges-Work is underway on this component of the new freeway facility near Mead, north of Spokane. Utility relocation and preliminary bridge construction work is underway. Farwell Road traffic is now detoured slightly to the north to accommodate bridge construction. This short detour will be in place for the duration of this bridge contract. Some lane restrictions may occur early in the week for utility work. No main highway traffic impacts. The short section of Shady Slope Rd. between US 2 (Newport Highway) and Farwell Rd. is now closed for the duration of this project. Motorists should use the US 2/Farwell intersection, just to the west, as an alternate.